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STATEMENT

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We confirm that in WO 03/022544 A2 Fig. 5c relates to the 5-chamber structure shown in Fig. 5b.

A denotes "Siebbodenfläche" = "sieve bottom area".

A_{tot} denotes "gesamte Siebbodenfläche" = "total/entire sieve bottom area".

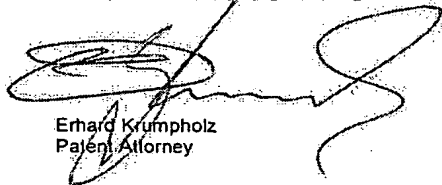
A = A(x) is the partial sieve bottom area covered when a fictitious wall is moved from the origin (0) at the left towards the end (A_{tot}) at the right in the Fig. 5c diagram.

A_{tot} is constant.

Due to symmetry, the linear position (x) on the abscissa is proportional to A(x) and thus proportional to A(x)/A_{tot}.

Thus, in Fig. 5c the abscissa (position x) represents A(x)/A_{tot}, with each short vertical line on the abscissa indicating one of the fixed walls shown in Fig. 5b.

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